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FOR THE AMBASSADOR-HOLD FOR OPENING OF BUSINESS MONDAY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TU, GR, CY

SUBJECT: SUGGESTED MEETING WITH CAGLAYANGIL

REF: SECTO 11038 (S/S NO. 7608623)

1. YOU WILL RECALL THAT DURING BITSIOS VISIT TO WASHINGTON APRIL 13-15 THE SECRETARY TOLD HIM WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO LOOK INTO THE QUESTION OF TURKISH INTENTIONS TO SEND A SEISMIC SHIP INTO THE AEGEAN AND WOULD ALSO TRY TO HELP GET TURKISH PROPOSALS, PARTICULARLY ON TERRITORY, INTO THE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATING PROCESS. WE DO NOT WANT TO GIVE THE TURKS THE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE. NEVERTHELESS WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO FIND AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH CAGLAYANGIL REGARDING THE US-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT, THE AEGEAN AND CYPRUS. THESE VIEWS WOULD PROVIDE USEFUL BACKGROUND FOR SECRETARY'S CONVERSATION WITH CAGLAYANGIL IN NAIROBI.

2. THE US-TURKISH DCA. YOU MAY TELL CAGLAYANGIL THAT THE AGREEMENT WILL BE FORMALLY SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS

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FOR APPROVAL WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS (OR HAS BEEN

SUBMITTED IF WE SO ADVISE YOU BEFORE YOU SEE CAGLAYANGIL).
IT IS OUR INTENTION THAT THE AGREEMENT SHOULD MOVE THROUGH

THE CONGRESSIONAL PROCESS AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. THE
PACE OF THIS PROCESS WILL HOWEVER DEPEND ON THE CONGRESS
AND ITS LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE, WHICH IS NOW VERY HEAVY.
WE WILL LET THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT KNOW AS SOON AS WE
HAVE A CLEARER IDEA OF WHEN CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THE
AGREEMENT MIGHT BE EXPECTED.

3. THE AEGEAN. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING CAGLAYANGIL'S
COMMENT RE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, PARTICULARLY POSSIBILI-
TIES OF GREEK AND TURKISH INITIATIVES TO HOLD A MEETING
AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL TO BE FOLLOWED BY A GREEK-TURKISH
SUMMIT. IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION WE WOULD HOPE YOU
COULD OBTAIN SOME INDICATION OF TURKISH INTENTIONS
REGARDING SEISMIC RESEARCH IN THE AEGEAN, WITHOUT UNDULY
AROUSING TURKISH SENSITIVITIES ON THE SUBJECT.

4. WITH REGARD TO CYPRUS, WE WOULD WELCOME CAGLAYANGIL'S
ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTS FOR THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS NOW
THAT NEW GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT NEGOTIATORS HAVE BEEN
APPOINTED AND PROPOSALS TABLED BY BOTH SIDES. WE WOULD
SPECIFICALLY BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING HOW THE TURKS
BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO OVERCOME PROCEDURAL
HURDLES SO AS TO REACH A STAGE WHERE ALL ISSUES CAN BE
DISCUSSED IN DEPTH, INCLUDING PARTICULARLY THE TERRITORIAL
ONE, WHEN THE FIRST PROPOSALS BY BOTH SIDES CLEARLY HAVE
BEEN DEFICIENT IN ACHIEVING THE BEGINNING OF ANY SERIOUS
DISCUSSION. YOU SHOULD REMIND CAGLAYANGIL THAT THOUGH
THE ADMINISTRATION SEPARATES OUR DEFENSE COOPERATION
RELATIONSHIP FROM THE CYPRUS ISSUE, OUR ABILITY TO OBTAIN
EARLY APPROVAL OF THE NEW US-TURKISH AGREEMENT WOULD BE
MUCH ENHANCED BY SOME PROGRESS ON CYPRUS. WE DO NOT
BELIEVE THAT IN THIS PROCESS TURKISH SECURITY OR OTHER
REQUIREMENTS ON THE ISLAND WOULD NEED TO BE FORFEITED.
YOU MAY TELL CAGLAYANGIL THAT WE ARE NOT PLANNING TO
SEND A SPECIAL EMISSARY TO THE AREA AT THIS TIME.

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